

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
June 14, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Andre Baker, Co-Chair; Richard Paoletto, Co-Chair; Anderson Ayala ; Angel DePara; Richard Bonney (arrived at 6:06pm)

OTHER Adam Radzimirski, Deputy Chief Bridgeport Police Department
Ken Hays, Vibes
Jackie Eaton, Vibes

Call to Order

Chairman Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and introduced the committee members in attendance as listed above, and stated that there was a quorum.

Agenda Item

**75-09 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE
OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 12.28 PARK USE REGULATIONS, AMEND
TO ADD NEW SECTION 12.28.200 NITROUS OXIDE PROHIBITED IN
PARKS.**

Chairman Paoletto began by discussing his work with Lisa Trachtenberg in drafting the proposed item. He stated that it passed through the Parks Department as a regulation, but the committee is citing it as an ordinance for this item.

Chairman Paoletto introduced the others in attendance and acknowledged their presence was in order to facilitate any questions the committee members may have with regard to understanding the ordinance. He then asked the committee members if they have any questions.

Committee Member DePara stated that he was in support of approving the ordinance. He pointed a question at Deputy Chief Radzimirski with regard to enforcement. He asked what the city can expect from the BPD as far as steps taken to address and enforce this ordinance/regulation.

Deputy Chief Radzimirski stated that enforcement of this ordinance is done as an infraction. Any violation of a city or town ordinance is enforced through an infraction, similar to paying a parking ticket. The violator must either pay a fine or go to court.

Chairman Paoletto added that this ordinance has also added confiscation as part of the enforcement.

Committee Member DePara then asked how enforcement of this ordinance will work at the upcoming Vibes concert.

Deputy Chief Radzimirski responded that the police department is working with the concert organizers to figure out what the police presence will be. The final numbers have not been established.

Committee Member DePara said he was not looking to receive firm numbers but rather a firm commitment.

Deputy Chief Radzimirski said there is a firm commitment from the police department to be present at the concert. This ordinance gives added tool that the police did not have before in enforcing the use of nitrous oxide because misuse of nitrous oxide is a state statute but possession is not.

Committee Member DePara said he is very interested because public safety is a big issue for him.

Committee Member DePara left at 6:06pm.

Committee Member Bonney arrived at 6:06pm.

Committee Member Ayala asked Deputy Chief Radzimirski how much financial responsibility is of the city's to have police presence at this concert.

Deputy Chief Radzimirski stated when an outside entity hires the police department for enforcement at an event such as this it is the entity's responsibility to cover the cost.

Chairman Paoletto then reviewed the documents handed out at the beginning of the meeting, referring to them as Exhibit A, which was a letter from the Office of the City Attorney's office written by Lisa R. Trachtenberg which read:

"Kindly find attached a proposed ordinance for Ordinance Committee to act upon if there is a vote approval of the Board of Park Commissioners' approved Regulation. The Office of the City Attorney reviewed the attached proposed ordinance and finds it to be in proper legal form for adoption as amended by the substitution of the attached redraft."

The letter was attached to the proposed amended ordinance.

Chairman Paoletto called for a motion to amend.

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER AYALA MOTIONED TO AMEND
THE ITEM WITH EXHIBIT A
** COMMITTEE MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto called for a motion to approve.

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER AYALA MOTIONED TO APPROVE**

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER AYALA MOTIONED TO AMEND THE ITEM WITH EXHIBIT A**

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Paoletto called for a motion to schedule a public hearing.

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER BAKER MOTIONED TO PUT THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULE CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING**

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER AYALA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER BAKER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN**

**** COMMITTEE MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Erika Roliz
Telesco Secretarial Services